



Internship Opportunity

Office of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs

Iowa Department of Human Rights

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Overview

The Iowa Department of Human Rights (DHR) is a state agency with a mission to ensure basic rights, freedoms, and opportunities for all by empowering underrepresented Iowans and eliminating economic, social, and cultural barriers.

The Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is set up to engage the Asian Pacific American community in partnership with state government to promote their social, cultural and business interests. In collaboration with seven commissioners appointed by the governor, the major areas of focus of the office are to:

- Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide assistance to individuals who request it.
- Develop, coordinate and assist other public or private organizations which serve Iowans of Asian and Pacific heritage.
- Serve as an information clearing house on programs and agencies operating to assist Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.
- Serve as an advisory body to the governor and agencies within the executive department on matters relating to the Asian Pacific American population in Iowa, including matters relating to economic, workforce and business development.
- Conduct outreach to Asian American groups and communities in the state and communicate information to them concerning public private programs that are beneficial to their interests.
- Review and comment on any proposed federal, state or local legislations, regulations, policies and programs that affect Asian Pacific American population in Iowa.

The Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is driven by a small staff. We are always looking for interns with an interest in the arts, culture, language, international relations, journalism, communication, immigration law, history, sociology, and/or anthropology to supplement the work.

The Iowa Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (API) shares staff with the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women (ICSW) and though the intern's work primarily will be focused on API initiatives, there may be opportunities to work on projects for ICSW as needed.

Internships are unpaid, and students are responsible for their own housing and transportation needs. Hours are flexible, and efforts will be made to accommodate student schedules.

Focus Areas

The Office for API is currently interested in using intern skills in the following areas:

- 1) Research and data collection.
- 2) Website designing and updating.
- 3) Event planning, organizing and coordinating.

For more information, contact

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